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## **LAPD Officer Pleads to Child Molestation**

A Los Angeles police officer charged in May with luring two young girls to his home pleaded no contest today to sexually molesting one girl and attempting to molest the second child, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Miguel Angel Schiappapietra Jr., 28, is expected to be sentenced to three years in state prison and ordered to register as a sex offender when he returns on Sept. 6 for sentencing before Judge Michael Abzug.

The six-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department was arrested in May after two girls, both under the age of 10, told detectives that Schiappapietra sexually molested them. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Special Victims Unit investigated the case.

Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Sparagna, with the Justice System Integrity Division, said the deputy entered his plea before Judge Edmund Clarke, who allowed him to remain free on bail.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.